A SINGULAR SOLUTION

OPHSA served as a catalyst, working with the Armed Forces Medical Intelligence Center (AFMIC) and the Services to help create a tri-service deployment guide entitled **MEDIC** (Medical Environmental Disease Intelligence and Countermeasures).

MEDIC improves readiness by providing pre-deployment information to forces during contingency operations. It will support all three Services (plus Coast Guard and wartime CINC surgeons) and provide comprehensive, current, and standardized pre-deployment information and preventive medicine countermeasures. **MEDIC** helps meet stated customers needs for "one-stop shopping."

DEVELOPING **MEDIC**

OPHSA was instrumental in helping develop an effective, tri-service guide by:

❑ Talking to civilian experts and conducting a market survey of available options for comprehensive and current information for local public health officers.

❑ Surveying public health officers in the active duty, Guard, and Reserve forces to identify needed information. The results were considered in describing requirements and the final product.

❑ Determining that
1) AFMIC cannot develop preventive medicine recommendations;
2) AFMIC has most of the information, but many of their sources are classified;
3) and the Navy was considering eliminating the Disease/Vector Risk Assessment Reports and using AFMIC products.

AFMIC expanded their *Disease Environmental Alert Report* (DEAR) CD-ROM into **MEDIC**, to incorporate additional deployment information, preventive medicine countermeasures, and reference materials.

OPHSA kept the development effort on track, bringing together a tri-service team that formulated requirements, offered solutions, and produced countermeasures for 157 countries.

The countermeasures generated for **MEDIC** will also meet the needs addressed in OASD(HA)'s memorandum, *Medical Surveillance for DoD Deployments*.

***MEDIC** was published in March 1996. It will be updated every six months.*